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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ROBERT BOBBIE BATS,

Plaintiff,

v.

L. MARTINEZ, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. [22-cv-03245-TSH](#)**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Plaintiff, an inmate at Correctional Training Facility (“CTF”), in Soledad, California, has filed a *pro se* action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against CTF warden Martinez and CTF captain Mak. His complaint is now before the Court for review under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. Plaintiff has been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in a separate order

**DISCUSSION****A. Standard of Review**

A federal court must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1), (2). *Pro se* pleadings must, however, be liberally construed. *See United States v. Qazi*, 975 F.3d 989, 993 (9th Cir. 2020).

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a)(2) requires only “a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2). “Specific facts are not necessary; the statement need only “give the defendant fair notice of what the . . . claim is and the

grounds upon which it rests.”” *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89, 93 (2007) (citations omitted). While Rule 8 does not require detailed factual allegations, it demands more than an unadorned, the-defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me accusation. *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 677–78 (2009). A pleading that offers only labels and conclusions, or a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of action, or naked assertions devoid of further factual enhancement does not suffice. *Id.*

To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two essential elements: (1) that a right secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States was violated, and (2) that the alleged violation was committed by a person acting under the color of state law. *See West v. Atkins*, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988).

## **B. Complaint**

The complaint makes the following allegations. Plaintiff contracted COVID due to the following actions and inactions by defendants. Defendants failed to follow and enforce the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (“CDCR”)’s mandated COVID-related safety protocols by (1) not cleaning and sanitizing Plaintiff’s housing unit during the 3rd watch program hours; (2) not placing Plaintiff in a single cell in violation of CDCR social distancing requirements; (3) not following and enforcing rules that CDCR staff wear proper PPE when coming into contact with the inmate population, i.e. allowing CDCR staff to remove their face masks during cell searches and not requiring that disposable gloves be changed between each cell searched; and (4) allowing staff who worked with COVID-positive inmates to also work on yards where there were no inmates with COVID.

Liberally construed, the complaint’s allegations state a cognizable claim against Defendants for deliberate indifference to Plaintiff’s safety and serious medical needs. Deliberate indifference to a prisoner’s serious medical needs violates the Eighth Amendment’s proscription against cruel and unusual punishment. *See Estelle v. Gamble*, 429 U.S. 97, 104 (1976). A prison official is deliberately indifferent if he knows of and disregards an excessive risk to inmate health or safety by failing to take reasonable steps to abate it. *Farmer v. Brennan*, 511 U.S. 825, 832 (1994). A supervisory defendant is liable under Section 1983 if (1) the supervisor defendant

proximately caused the deprivation of rights of which plaintiff complains, *see Harris v. City of Roseburg*, 664 F.2d 1121, 1125 (9th Cir. 1981); (2) the supervisor defendant failed to properly train or supervise personnel resulting in the alleged deprivation, *Ybarra v. Reno Thunderbird Mobile Home Village*, 723 F.2d 675, 680 (9th Cir. 1984); (3) the alleged deprivation resulted from custom or policy for which the supervisor defendant was responsible, *see id.*; or (4) the supervisor defendant knew of the alleged misconduct and failed to act to prevent future misconduct, *Taylor v. List*, 880 F.2d 1040, 1045 (9th Cir. 1989).

### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court orders as follows.

1. The following defendant(s) shall be served: Correctional Training Facility warden L. Martinez and captain T. Mak.

Service on the listed defendant(s) shall proceed under the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's ("CDCR") e-service program for civil rights cases from prisoners in the CDCR's custody. In accordance with the program, the Clerk is directed to serve on the CDCR via email the following documents: the operative complaint, this order of service, a CDCR Report of E-Service Waiver form, a summons, and a consent or declination to magistrate judge jurisdiction form. The Clerk also shall serve a copy of this order on the Plaintiff.

No later than 40 days after service of this order via email on the CDCR, the CDCR shall provide the court a completed CDCR Report of E-Service Waiver advising the court which defendant(s) listed in this order will be waiving service of process without the need for service by the United States Marshal Service ("USMS") and which defendant(s) decline to waive service or could not be reached. The CDCR also shall provide a copy of the CDCR Report of E-Service Waiver to the California Attorney General's Office which, within 21 days, shall file with the Court a waiver of service of process for the defendant(s) who are waiving service.

Upon receipt of the CDCR Report of E-Service Waiver, the Clerk shall prepare for each defendant who has not waived service according to the CDCR Report of E-Service Waiver a USM-205 Form. The Clerk shall provide to the USMS the completed USM-205 forms and copies of this order, the summons, and the operative complaint for service upon each defendant who has

1 not waived service. The Clerk also shall provide to the USMS a copy of the CDCR Report of E-  
2 Service Waiver.

3 2. In order to expedite the resolution of this case, the Court orders as follows:

4 a. No later than 91 days from the date this order is filed, Defendants must file  
5 and serve a motion for summary judgment or other dispositive motion. If Defendants are of the  
6 opinion that this case cannot be resolved by summary judgment, Defendants must so inform the  
7 Court prior to the date the motion is due. A motion for summary judgment also must be  
8 accompanied by a *Rand* notice so that Plaintiff will have fair, timely, and adequate notice of what  
9 is required of him in order to oppose the motion. *Woods v. Carey*, 684 F.3d 934, 939 (9th Cir.  
10 2012) (notice requirement set out in *Rand v. Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952 (9th Cir. 1998), must be  
11 served concurrently with motion for summary judgment).<sup>1</sup>

12 b. Plaintiff's opposition to the summary judgment or other dispositive motion  
13 must be filed with the Court and served upon Defendants no later than 28 days from the date the  
14 motion is filed. Plaintiff must bear in mind the notice and warning regarding summary judgment  
15 provided later in this order as he prepares his opposition to any motion for summary judgment.

16 c. Defendants shall file a reply brief no later than 14 days after the date the  
17 opposition is filed. The motion shall be deemed submitted as of the date the reply brief is due. No  
18 hearing will be held on the motion.

19 3. Plaintiff is advised that a motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the  
20 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will, if granted, end your case. Rule 56 tells you what you must  
21 do in order to oppose a motion for summary judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be  
22 granted when there is no genuine issue of material fact – that is, if there is no real dispute about  
23 any fact that would affect the result of your case, the party who asked for summary judgment is  
24 entitled to judgment as a matter of law, which will end your case. When a party you are suing

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26 <sup>1</sup> If Defendants assert that Plaintiff failed to exhaust his available administrative remedies as  
27 required by 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), Defendants must raise such argument in a motion for summary  
28 judgment, pursuant to the Ninth Circuit's opinion in *Albino v. Baca*, 747 F.3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2014)  
(en banc) (overruling *Wyatt v. Terhune*, 315 F.3d 1108, 1119 (9th Cir. 2003), which held that  
failure to exhaust available administrative remedies under the Prison Litigation Reform Act,  
should be raised by a defendant as an unenumerated Rule 12(b) motion).

1 makes a motion for summary judgment that is properly supported by declarations (or other sworn  
2 testimony), you cannot simply rely on what your complaint says. Instead, you must set out  
3 specific facts in declarations, depositions, answers to interrogatories, or authenticated documents,  
4 as provided in Rule 56(c), that contradict the facts shown in the defendants' declarations and  
5 documents and show that there is a genuine issue of material fact for trial. If you do not submit  
6 your own evidence in opposition, summary judgment, if appropriate, may be entered against you.  
7 If summary judgment is granted, your case will be dismissed and there will be no trial. *Rand v.*  
8 *Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 962–63 (9th Cir. 1998) (en banc) (App. A). (The *Rand* notice above does  
9 not excuse Defendants' obligation to serve said notice again concurrently with a motion for  
10 summary judgment. *Woods*, 684 F.3d at 939).

11 4. All communications by Plaintiff with the Court must be served on Defendants'  
12 counsel by mailing a true copy of the document to Defendants' counsel. The Court may disregard  
13 any document which a party files but fails to send a copy of to his opponent. Until Defendants'  
14 counsel has been designated, Plaintiff may mail a true copy of the document directly to  
15 Defendants, but once Defendants are represented by counsel, all documents must be mailed to  
16 counsel rather than directly to Defendants.

17 5. Discovery may be taken in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.  
18 No further court order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2) or Local Rule 16 is required  
19 before the parties may conduct discovery.

20 6. Plaintiff is responsible for prosecuting this case. Plaintiff must promptly keep the  
21 Court informed of any change of address and must comply with the Court's orders in a timely  
22 fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute pursuant  
23 to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b). Plaintiff must file a notice of change of address in every  
24 pending case every time he is moved to a new facility.

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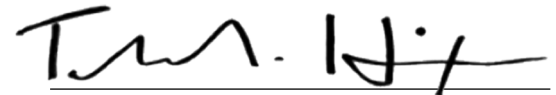
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1           7. Any motion for an extension of time must be filed no later than the deadline sought  
2 to be extended and must be accompanied by a showing of good cause. Plaintiff is cautioned that  
3 he must include the case name and case number for this case on any document he submits to the  
4 Court for consideration in this case.

5           **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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7 Dated: June 14, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. S. Hixson', written over a horizontal line.

THOMAS S. HIXSON  
United States Magistrate Judge